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The Honorable Lewis A. Tambs
American Ambassador
Costa Rica

Dear Lew:

I enjoyed meeting you and chatting with you at the dinner hosted by General Galvin last Monday evening at Quarry Heights.

As you know, the Intelligence Community has been providing stepped-up support to national security objectives in Central America and the Caribbean Basin for the past two years. At the request of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, I am coordinating these efforts closely to ensure support to our national and theater needs, through a cohesive U.S. intelligence effort in the region. The mechanism for this coordination is the Caribbean Basin Intelligence Steering Group (CBISG) here in Washington, which was formed to ensure that intelligence activities in Central America support U.S. policy objectives there and that there be a direct line of communication between CIA, DIA, NSA, OSD, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the State Department. I want to invite you to attend any of these sessions if you are ever in Washington when we are meeting. Ambassador Frank McNeil, Deputy INR, is our State Department liaison.

My Special Assistant, [redacted] will be working this interface with the national Community and Jack Galvin's staff. He is available to help identify areas where we can provide assistance to your country team.

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I will be traveling in the Central American region from time to time and, hopefully, will be able to discuss with you matters of mutual interest. In the interim, if I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Very sincerely,

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